



Committee on Homeland Security

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Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) Chemical Plant Security Statement

“Chemical plants can be found all over this country and many of them are located in urban areas where thousands of Americans could be affected by a leak caused by a terrorist attack. Chemical plants located in rural areas might have materials terrorists would be interested in stealing.

“We shouldn’t waste our time trying to secure sites that pose little or no danger to the public. It is the job of the Department of Homeland Security and this Committee to ensure that those sites that would cause the most loss of life, or other dire consequences if attacked, are secure.

“What we really need to hear is some realistic time tables and estimates on when the National Asset Database and the National Infrastructure Protection Plan will be reasonably complete. These items are long overdue.”

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